



# October 2016 CALENDAR

## Holyoke Heritage State Park

221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Park Supervisor: Charlie Lotspeich Park Phone Number: (413) 534-1723

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information, please call the park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>Backyard Bird Feeding</b> 10:30-Noon
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Beginners Urban Birding</b> 9:00-10:00 a.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Canal Tour</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Coming to Our Senses</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>12</b> <b>Night Noises</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Bricks and Mortar Tour</b> 10:00 a.m.-Noon	<b>15</b> <b>Weaving for Kids</b> 10:30 a.m.-Noon
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

## **Holyoke Heritage State Park: Open Daily, Dawn to Dusk**

**221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA**

Holyoke Heritage State Park is an accessible urban park and greenway, situated on the former site of the city's railroad yard and the Skinner silk mill. Located in the center of Holyoke's historic mill district, the park features open space, picnicking, a small playground, and a walkway along the upper, water-power canal. Entrance to the park is FREE. Parking in the lot adjacent to the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round is also FREE. Metered parking is available on the streets surrounding the park.

Holyoke Heritage State Park grounds are also home to the Children's Museum at Holyoke, the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, and the Volleyball Hall of Fame (fees apply).

## **Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitor Center and Exhibition Hall**

***Tuesdays – Sundays, Noon – 4 p.m.***

***Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitor Center features exhibits and an exhibition hall that focus on Holyoke's history as a center for paper and textile manufacturing and as a gateway for immigrant and migrant groups. Entrance to the Visitor Center and exhibits is FREE. Interpretive programs provided by Holyoke Heritage State Park are also FREE.

## **Backyard Winter Bird Feeding**

***Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – Noon***

***Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Come learn just about anything you'd want to know about feeding winter birds. Learn about what bird species come to urban feeders, how to identify them, what kinds of feeders you can use, what is the best kind of seed to use, where to put and how to position your feeders to reduce squirrel invasions, how to keep birds safe from feeder area diseases, and how to take part in fun citizen science projects that benefit wild birds. We bet that, even if you have fed birds a few times before, learn something new from this program! Meet in the Visitor Center lobby.

## **Beginners Urban Birding**

***Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.***

***For individuals and families with children ages 6 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Join us for a walk through the park as we find, identify, and learn about the birds that live here. Though not required, ***bring binoculars if you have them!!*** Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

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### **Canal Tour**

***Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.***

***For individuals and families with children ages 8 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Take an easy ¾ mile walk along the upper and second level canals and learn about their history, how they were built, how they were harnessed to power Holyoke's many paper and textile mills, and how they are used to this day. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

### **Coming to Our Senses**

***Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.***

***For adults and teens ages 15 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Take a slow and easy walk through the park and sample the sights, sounds, smells, and textures the park has to offer. This quiet activity, we hope, leaves you feeling relaxed and refreshed. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

### **Night Noises: Who is Going Bump in My Night??**

***Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.***

***For families with children ages 4 – 7 (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Using photographs, slides, and sounds, explore the many animals and insects that fill our nights with wondrous sounds. Learn a few facts about each creature and why we are lucky to have them in our world. Meet in the Visitor Center lobby.

### **Bricks and Mortar: The Beauty of Old Mills**

***Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – Noon***

***For individuals and families with children ages 8 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Grab your cameras, smart phones, binoculars and/or just your appreciation for beauty in all its forms and join us for an easy 1.8 mile walking tour of some of Holyoke's Mill sites located near the park. Learn about some of the factors that effected mill design as we seek out the decorative features many old mills display. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

### **Weaving for Kids: How Cloth is Made**

***October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. - Noon***

***For children ages 7 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Though now known as "The Paper City," originally, Holyoke was intended to be a city of textile mills. Still, high quality thread and fine silks were manufactured here in Holyoke. This activity is designed to teach children about that history and the basics of how cloth is made. Then, participants have the opportunity to practice a simple form of weaving. Meet in the Visitor Center lobby.